

Visit The Dalles Lock and Dam during your stay in The Dalles

Built and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Dalles Lock and Dam is one of the ten largest hydropower dams in the United States. Since 1957, it has provided the Pacific Northwest with a reliable water source for hydropower, navigation, recreation, fish passage, irrigation, and flood mitigation.



During your visit to The

Dalles, join a park ranger for a guided tour of The Dalles Lock and Dam and learn about the dam's history, operations, how power is generated and view the fish passage facilities. Tours begin at The Dalles Dam Visitor Center, where you can also explore a variety of interactive displays, watch a short film on the benefits and impacts of the dam, get a sneak peak of fish migrating up the fish ladder, or browse the Discover Your Northwest bookstore.

From the visitor center, an electric tram will shuttle guests to the dam for a view of its nearly half-mile long powerhouse and 22 generators. The tram is a partnership between the city of The Dalles and the Corps of Engineers. The tour concludes at the dam's east fish ladder, where fish passage operations and principles are demonstrated. Nearby Patterson and Seufert parks offer a perfect location to picnic and enjoy the scenic views of Mount Hood. Or walk the eastern end of The Dalles Riverfront trail and wander through the historic Seufert Rose Garden, where there are more than 90 varieties of roses. Call the park rangers for the most up-to-date tour schedule.

Check with the park rangers to learn about the many activities for the whole family, like our annual Eagle Watch, when visitors can get an up-close look at our national symbol, or the free fishing days for young anglers. You may also see park rangers at local community events promoting water safety, reminding people to play it safe and always wear a life jacket. They may be found at The Dalles Cherry Festival, Children's Safety Fair, Fort Dalles Days, and even in the classrooms.

The Dalles Dam Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday through Sunday, between May 1 and Memorial Day weekend. After Memorial Day weekend, the center resumes daily operations, seven days a week through Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day weekend the center goes back to weekends only through the end of September. The visitor center is closed from October to May.

To reach The Dalles Dam Visitor Center, from I-84, take exit 87 and go east on Brett Clodfelter Way, located at the junction of Hwy. 197 and I-84. Address: 3545 Bret Clodfelter Way, The Dalles, OR 97058. Phone 541-296-9778 or 541-506-7857, or visit us at http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/ColumbiaRiver/TheDalles.aspx.